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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SUPER-APEX FARES

REF: (A) THE HAGUE 5463; (B) STATE 246864
(C) STATE 252173

1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED LANGUAGE OF NOTE CONTAINED
REF A WITH DUTCH EMBASSY TODAY. PROPOSED LANGUAGE IS
UNACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT BECAUSE ITS EFFECT WOULD BE TO
EXTEND THE AD HOC AGREEMENT INTO AREAS THIS AGREEMENT IS
NOT MEANT TO COVER.

2. PURPOSE OF AD HOC AGREEMENT IS MERELY TO ALLOW THE
SUPER-APEX FARES TO COME INTO EFFECT ON AN EXPERIMENTAL
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BASIS. DEPARTMENT CANNOT ACCEPT LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD
LIMIT THE ABILITY OF THE USG AT A LATER DATE TO SUSPEND
THESE FARES. USG CLEARLY ENVISAGES POSSIBILITY THAT
KLM FARES COULD BE SUSPENDED AT LATER DATE WHILE OTHER
EUROPEAN AIRLINES' SUPER-APEX FARES CONTINUE IN EFFECT,
OR VICE VERSA. SUCH AN OUTCOME IMPLICIT IN USG LINKING
OF LIBERAL CHARTER UNDERSTANDINGS WITH CONTINUATION OF

SUPER-APEX. (SEE PARA 9, REF B.). IF DEPARTMENT ACCEPTS
GON LANGUAGE, THEN USG HAS IN EFFECT GIVEN AWAY CHANCE
TO OBTAIN LIBERAL CHARTER UNDERSTANDINGS, FOR EXAMPLE,

DUTCH COULD REFUSE TO AGREE TO LIBERAL CHARTER
UNDERSTANDING, WHILE BELGIANS AGREE TO SUCH AN UNDER-
STANDING. USG POSITION THEN WOULD BE TO SUSPEND KLM
SUPER-APEX WHILE SABENA SUPER-APEX CONTINUES IN EFFECT.
IF DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, AGREES TO PROPOSED DUTCH
LANGUAGE, USG WOULD BE UNABLE TO DO THIS. THIS IS WHY
DEPARTMENT CANNOT ACCEPT PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

3. SITUATION WHERE SOME SUPER-APEX FARES ARE IN EFFECT
WHILE OTHERS ARE SUSPENDED CAN ALSO RESULT IF SOME
COUNTRIES ACCEPT AN AD HOC AGREEMENT WHILE OTHERS DO NOT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE
GON OFFICIALS THAT USG CANNOT ACCEPT PROPOSED DUTCH NOTE
CONTAINED REF A. INITIALLY AS EXPLANATION FOR NOT
ACCEPTING DUTCH NOTE, EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS PROCEDURAL
ASPECTS OF AD HOC AGREEMENT, DRAWING PARTICULARLY ON
PARA 5, REF C, FOR GUIDANCE. IF NECESSARY, EMBASSY AT
LIBERTY TO USE SUBSTANCE PARA 2 ABOVE AS FURTHER
EXPLANATION.

5. FOR BILLE : IF YOU WISH TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
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GUIDANCE TO E BASSY, THE HAGUE, PLEASE CONTACT THE
EMBASSY DIRECTLY. VANCE

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